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Letter dated 31 October 1995 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith information concerning the activities of mercenaries in Bosnia and Herzegovina (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 28 and 104, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Activities of mercenaries in Bosnia and Herzegovina

1. The presence of mercenaries within the Bosnian Muslim Army and their activities in the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina have been registered in the following locations: the village of Biljesevo (between Kakanj and Zenica), Tuzla, Sarajevo, Vucilovac (bridgehead Orasje), Zenica, Travnik, the village of Mehuric (Municipality of Travnik), Zeljezno Polje (north of Zenica), Kakanj, Zivinice, Nemili, Bistricak, Arnauti (the villages in the vicinity of Zenica), the village of Dobrinja near Kakanj, the settlement of Crkvice near Zenica, the village of Poljane near Banovici, the village of Kalosevac near Tesanj, the settlement of Nedzarici in Sarajevo, Zavidovici, Buzim (western Bosnia), Gradacac, the village of Bistrac near Tuzla, the settlement of Dobrinja 3 in Sarajevo, the village of Zorovici on Mt. Igman, Konjic and Mostar.

2. The existence of the following units consisting mainly of mercenaries from the Islamic countries ("mujaheddin") and a small number of local extremists has been established:

(a) "An international brigade" in Pazaric, comprising about 600 mercenaries, predominantly from Islamic countries, with a small number of criminals from Germany, France and other European countries. Members of this brigade carried out a subversive action on 23 August 1994, in the village of Babin Do on Mt. Igman, killing three and capturing two Bosnian Serb soldiers;

(b) A company-strength unit is engaged in combat operations within the 37th division (Tesanj), most frequently in the direction of the village of Kalosevici-Vitkovci;

(c) Reconnaissance/subversive detachment within the 32nd division (Zavidovici) participated in all offensive actions in the direction of southern parts of Mt. Ozren;

(d) A company-strength unit deployed in the area of the village of Bistricak (broader area of the headquarters of the 33rd division) has participated in all offensive actions of this division in the direction Serici-Blatnica-Teslic;

(e) A reconnaissance/subversive detachment ("El Mujaheddin") based in the village of Mehuric has been active within the 7th Bosnian Muslim army corps in the area of Mt. Vlasic;

(f) A reconnaissance/subversive company-platoon deployed in the area of Banovici took part in offensive actions in the direction of Vozuca;

(g) An "Iranian Revolutionary Guard" battalion sent to Bosnia and Herzegovina in May 1994 with large quantities of weapons and military equipment. The battalion participated in the planning and carrying out of individual terrorist actions in the territory controlled by the Bosnian Muslim army with

the aim of enforcing and strengthening fundamentalists' rule and liquidating "disobedient" Muslims and "war criminals";

(h) "El Fatah" unit numbering 150 terrorists quartered in the settlement of Bistrik in Sarajevo;

(i) "Dervish Order", in Sarajevo, numbering about 70 terrorists;

(j) "Suleiman Fatah" unit numbering about 50 terrorists, active in the area of the settlement of Dobrinja in Sarajevo and Pazaric;

(k) "Al Fatah" unit numbering about 50 terrorists, active in the settlement of Nedzarici in Sarajevo;

(l) "Musafiri", numbering about 100 terrorists, located in the area of Buzim, western Bosnia;

(m) "Black Mambas", numbering about 100 terrorists, engaged in offensive operations in the area of Gradacac;

(n) "Shehits", mercenaries from Pakistan and Kuwait, numbering about 70 terrorists, active from the area of Tuzla;

(o) "Allah's Followers", numbering about 150 terrorists, active in the zone controlled by the First Corps of the Bosnian Muslim Army.

3. In addition to the units consisting predominantly of mercenaries, groups of mercenaries or individuals from foreign countries are taking part in the following regular units of the Bosnian Muslim army:

(a) The 7th Brigade, based in Zenica, used exclusively for offensive operations;

(b) The 4th Light Brigade, from Konjic ("Muderiz"), used exclusively for offensive operations;

(c) A special unit of the Ministry of the Interior of "Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina", named "Swallows", is engaged in offensive operations in the zones of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 7th Corps;

(d) The 1st brigade, named "Black Swans", based in Kakanj;

(e) The following special units located in Zenica: "Manoeuvre", "Cancar", "Guerrilla", "Green Legion" and "Jimbo".

4. Mujaheddin who are participating in the units of mercenaries in Bosnia and Herzegovina, are recruited mainly in Islamic countries (Turkey, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Pakistan, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, etc.) but also in Western European countries (France and Germany in particular). In addition to the intelligence services of those Islamic countries, the intelligence services of some other countries, such as Albania, Austria, Croatia and Slovenia also participate in the recruitment of mujaheddin and their

transfer to the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Training centres have been set up in Slovenia, where mercenaries receive training before being dispatched to the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

5. The Mosque in Zagreb, headed by Sefko Omerbasic, directly cooperates with the organizers and those who recruit mujaheddin and dispatch them to Bosnia and Herzegovina. The activities of mujaheddin in the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina are coordinated by one Abu Aziz, who acts as commander of mujaheddin. It is also known that command posts in mercenary units are held by the following mujaheddin: Abu Aiman, Hajibi, Mazan Al Fussian, Nasser Al Niva, Abdullah Al Suvajid, Abdul Aziz Al Sead, Al Kihasheb.